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Oct. 23, 1919.

Sir Robert Falconer,

President University of Toronto,

Toronto.

Dear Sir Robert,

I am returning herewith Col. Leonard's letter which in your absence was forwarded to me. I have written Col. Leonard acknowledging the receipt of the cheque, stating that his letter was forwarded to me on account of your being absent from the City.

Yours sincerely,

J. J. Gibson

Honorary Treasurer.

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R. W. LEONARD
50 ONTARIO STREET

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ST. CATHARINES, ONT., CANADA July 23rd, 1919.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
Toronto.

Dear Sir Robert,-

I enclose two letters from Williamson & Co. dated 12th and 21st respectively, with copy of my reply, regarding publication of some edition of Parkman's "MONTCALM & WOLFE."

Do you know anything of this matter, and what do you think of it?

I am sorry I have been unable to attend the recent meetings of the Board, as I have been away from home; but hope to be more fortunate at the next meeting.

Yours sincerely,

R. W. Leonard.

Huntsville

July 26th. 1919

Dear Colonel Leonard,

Your letter of July 23rd. was forwarded to me at my Summer cottage and I have not the opportunity of consulting others about the editipn of Parkman's Montcalm and Wolfe.

I know nothing about it but would accept the opinions of Principal Hutton, Mr. Langton and Dr. Colquhoun. Unfortunately Professor Wrong will not be back until September.

He should be able to give the most authoritative opinion as to its historical value.

I am returning to you the correspondence.

I do not expect to be at any meeting of the Board until September.

With kind regards I am yours sincerely,

September 5th, 1919

My dear Colonel Leonard:

I am glad to know that you have spoken to several members about the honorary degree for General Gwatkin. The first date that will be possible to have a meeting to confer honorary degrees for military service will be when General Currie comes on the 11th November. I feel confident that it would be impossible to get the Senate to hold a special Convocation to confer the degree upon General Gwatkin before that date, and it takes some time to get a degree put through according to the statutes, but I would hope that the Senate would be willing to confer the degree upon General Gwatkin in absence if he has left the country before we hold our regular Convocation. I will at any rate do what I can to get this done.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Colonel H. H. Leonard,

St. Catharines.

October 14th, 1919

Colonel R. H. Leonard,
St. Catharines, Ont.

My dear Colonel Leonard:

I am returning to you the draft constitution for the Military College at Kingston, which I have read carefully and with much interest. I know something about the Military College as I was Chairman of the Board of Visitors last May and spent two very full days going into the work of the College for which we made various recommendations though whether they have been carried out I am not able to say. I think that the idea of having a Board of Governors is a good one and particularly that there should be good representation on it from the graduates. The only question in my mind is whether you can get the men who are really best able to act to go to Kingston frequently enough. It would be a heavy demand on any one's time to have to go to Kingston four times a year, though undoubtedly if the men could be found who would make the Military College their task this would be the right thing to do.

On the whole I agree with the constitution. It is very much on the lines of our own in Toronto, which I think works well. There is no doubt that a responsible board would be listened to by the Government and with a continuous policy would be able to accomplish very much more than is being done now.

Again I should say that the real question is whether you can secure the personnel for the Board who could afford the time to go to Kingston often enough in order to carry this burden, and yet I believe surely there must be graduates who could be found to do this.

Yours sincerely,

President.

October 22nd, 1919

H. H. Leonard, Esq.,
50 Ontario Street,
St. Catharines, Ont.

Dear Colonel Leonard:

In the absence of Sir Robert Falconer in Winnipeg I beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your subscription of five thousand in full towards the University War Memorial Fund.

I am forwarding your cheque to Mr. Gibson.

Yours sincerely,

President's Secretary.

October 30th, 1919

Colonel H. H. Leonard,
St. Catharines, Ont.

Dear Colonel Leonard:

On my return from the West I find your letter together with a cheque of five thousand dollars in favour of J. J. Gibson, treasurer of the University War Memorial fund. Allow me to thank you very sincerely for your kindness in regard to this ?

Yours sincerely,

President.

Feb 26 '13

Dear Colonel Leonard.

For four or five years you have given the University a post-graduate fellowship of $500.00 the object being to draw ~~the~~ students from the other universities of the Dominion, instead of ~~sending~~ having them go to the United States, for their advanced work, saving to ~~them~~ ~~+50 funding~~ the whole country together amount. The plan has been very successful. We have had an excellent set of students. They appreciate what they get & the authorities of the other universities often speak to me about the value of this arrangement.

Two of these are given by Sir Edmund Osler, a hitherto one by Sir Joseph Flavelle. For some reason which he has not stated Sir Joseph does not wish to continue his gift. I wonder whether in these circumstances you would not only continue your own but also give another, so that as heretofore we can count upon the four?

With kind regards Yours sincerely

February 26th, 1923

Colonel E. F. Leonard,
50 Ontario Street,
St. Catharines, Ont.

Dear Colonel Leonard:

For four or five years you have given the University a postgraduate fellowship of $500.00, the object being to draw students from the other Universities of the Dominion, instead of having them go for their advanced work to the United States, and so serving to bind the whole country together somewhat. The plan has been very successful. We have had an excellent set of students. They appreciate what they get and the authorities of the other Universities often speak to me about the value of this arrangement.

Two of these are given by Sir Edmund Osler, and hitherto one by Sir Joseph Flavelle. For some reason which he has not stated Sir Joseph does not wish to continue his gift. I wonder whether in these circumstances you would not only continue your own but also give another, so that as heretofore we can count upon the four ?

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

R. W. LEONARD
50 ONTARIO STREET

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ST. CATHARINES, ONT., CANADA February 28th 1920

Sir Robert Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
Toronto.

Dear Sir Robert,-

In reply to your letter of the 26th inst., I am very glad to know that the scheme of Post-Graduate Fellowships is working out so well.

My records show that Sir Edmund, Sir Joseph and myself agreed to give these Fellowships for a period of three years, which term expired with the last payment.

The very many calls which are being made on one's purse in these times require that I restrict my subscription this year to the same figure as previously, and I think, in any event, it would be better to extend the interest in such matters to include as large a circle as possible.

I note what you say about Sir Joseph discontinuing his gift, and I would not be surprised if he has been influenced to some slight extent by the attitude of the public toward him, as expressed in the newspapers.

I am rather fearful that the regrettable tendencies of the day towards class legislation and the confiscation of the savings of the industrious and thrifty to give to the shiftless and lazy will tend to dry up many sources of funds for such good works as your Post-Graduate Fellowships etc.

Yours sincerely, R. W. Leonard.

Cost of Fellowships

R. W. LEONARD
50 ONTARIO STREET

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ST. CATHARINES, ONT., CANADA Oct. 20th, 1919

Sir Robert Falconer,
President, University of Toronto
Toronto.

Dear Sir Robert,-

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. asking for a portion of my subscription to the War Memorial Fund.

I take pleasure in enclosing my cheque for $5000., in favor of J. J. Gibson, Treasurer, which I shall be glad if you will forward to him.

Yours sincerely,

R. W. Leonard.

March 2nd, 1920

Colonel S. H. Leonard,
50 Ontario Street,
St. Catharines, Ont.

Dear Colonel Leonard:

Many thanks for your cheque for the Fellowship. I appreciate that you have very many calls upon you and am therefore all the more grateful for your continuance of the Fellowship for the forthcoming year.

With kind regards to Mrs. Leonard and yourself, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 4th, 1920

Colonel R. W. Leonard,
St. Catharines, Ont.

Dear Colonel Leonard:

In order to avoid any possibility of error I write to say that the Bursar tells me that the cheque that you were good enough to send for $500 is in payment of the Fellowship for the current year. I assume that your letter meant that you would continue for next year what you have been so kind as to give for the last four years. I am glad to say that Sir Edmund Osler is also continuing his.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

June 1st, 1920

Colonel R. W. Leonard,
St. Catharines, Ont.
Dear Colonel Leonard:

I have just read your address delivered to the Engineers in Montreal and have been much interested in many of the things that you have said both wisely and well. I have not any doubt that we shall not have much change for the better in our troubles until some external circumstance forces us to look upon life more reasonably and to check our extravagance. However, I am convinced that everybody interprets the value of life in terms of money. The University stands for introducing into the world other conceptions, which along with those of the moral and spiritual nature will, I am sure, as they become more widespread, cause greater contentment.

I was sorry to hear that you were in the Hospital, and I hope that you are quite well again.

With kind regards to Mrs. Leonard,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.